

WARD HEELERS AND POLITICIANS THINKING HARD

DANVILLE GRAND JURY SHOWS
SIGNS OF PROBING THE
VOTE SELLING
SCANDALS.

HURRIED MEETINGS ARE BEING HELD

Between Politicians and Employees—
Many Take Sudden Notice to
Skip Across Indiana Line—
Embezzler Whitlock
May Know Much.

Danville, Jan. 21.—When it became known today that two-thirds of the members of the grand jury are behind Foreman Isaac Woodyard in demanding a right investigation of the traffic in votes that has been a matter of public scandal for years in Danville, the politicians and precinct workers who were inclined to at first scoff at the general demand for a cleaning up, became worried. Hurried meetings were held between politicians and those employed by them in the last three elections, to discuss and plan evasive tactics.

When the grand jury reconvenes Monday it is generally expected that summons will be issued for every politician and worker known to have been engaged in securing votes.

According to Sheriff J. T. Shepard, who was elected in November, after a contest with H. H. Whitlock, former county treasurer, now being investigated by the grand jury for embezzling county funds, no summons has yet been issued for this class of witnesses.

It is said that some of the most active ward heelers have forestalled possible action by the grand jury by taking hurried trips across the Indiana line, five miles east of here.

Although considerable money was spent in the November elections a much greater amount was used in the primary last summer, especially in the fight for sheriff between John T. Shepard, H. H. Whitlock, Charles Knox and J. T. Morehouse.

The real fight was between Shepard and Whitlock and it was largely the expenditures made by the latter that is supposed to have caused his speculations in the county treasury and his retirement from the office a self-confessed embezzler of \$35,000.

That Whitlock will be indicted is indicated by officials. It is also hoped that, if brought back to Danville, he will make a confession of what became of the money, which may furnish substantial information regarding the purchase of votes.

City Attorney Frank Jones and Sheriff Shepard tonight denied a story sent from Danville today that both had confessed in the presence of several persons, having purchased votes.

"It is totally false," said Mr. Jones. "I have made no confession or any statement whatever that may be construed as one. If any story to that effect has been sent out concerning me it was made out of the whole cloth."

Sheriff Shepard echoes the denial.

FISHING STEAMER SENDS WIRELESS DISTRESS CALL

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 21.—Calls of "S. O. S." sent out by the fishing steamer Chicago, of Seattle, were received at the Dominion wireless station here at 11:30 o'clock and are being repeated. No particulars of her condition or position are obtainable. The calls are gradually becoming fainter. The Chicago a halibut fisher was reported off Allied Bay at 3 o'clock yesterday.

RAILWAY SIGNAL MEN

Apply For Charter to American Federation of Labor—Executive Council Had Meeting.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Application for a charter was made today to the executive council of the American Federation of Labor by the national organization of the Railway Signal Men of America.

Representatives of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the executive council conferred regarding the differences which exist among the electrical workers throughout the country.

Reports on the financial condition of the federation and on the number of charters issued in the last three months were submitted.



JAMES E. MARTINE

The United States senatorial candidate of Woodrow Wilson, governor of New Jersey, attacked by mastoiditis, is very ill at his home in Plainfield, N. J.

PEARY MISSED THE EXACT SPOT

WAS 1.6 MILES SHY OF NORTH POLE, BUT NEAR ENOUGH THAT NAVAL COMMITTEE SUPPORTS HIS CLAIM.

Washington, Jan. 21.—That Captain Robert E. Peary came within 1.6 miles of the pole, near enough to establish his claim of having been at the exact spot, is the decision of the house committee on naval affairs which has been considering the bill to retire Capt. Peary with the rank of rear admiral.

The basis of the committee's findings is the charge prepared by Hugh C. Mitchell and C. R. Duvall, of the United States and Geodetic survey and, based on Peary's observations. This charge shows that Peary went to the left on nearing the pole, due to an error in his instruments. Later he crossed toward the pole, his nearest point being 1.6 miles.

Representative Bates, of Tennessee presented the majority report recommending that Peary be retired with the rank of rear admiral.

A minority report submitted by Representative Roberts, of Massachusetts, does not question Capt. Peary's performance, but censured the American Geographical Society's committee which it is claimed, announced its findings after only a cursory examination of the proofs.

OLDISH MEN AND WAYWARD GIRLS

HAILED IN BOSTON COURT—HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS PLAYED TRUANT AND FREQUENTED LODGING HOUSES.

Boston, Jan. 21.—The address of Fred D. Smith, of Chicago, regarding morality among pupils of high school age, delivered in this city, Thursday night, was recalled today when fourteen girls, ranging in age from 12 to 16 years, were taken into the Chelsea juvenile court on charges of being wayward children.

Two men, 65 and 67 years old, respectively, are under arrest, charged with statutory crime, and the police assert that many other men are involved.

The revelations are alleged to have been made to a transient officer by high school girls who had repeatedly absented themselves from the sessions, and frequented lodging houses, where, it is asserted, they met elderly men. The court will consider what to do with the children next Wednesday.

TWO SAILORS DROWNED

Fell Overboard From Cruiser Maryland Friday Night—Bodies Not Recovered.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Two sailors of the United States armored cruiser Maryland were lost overboard from that vessel in Californian waters last night, and their bodies have not been recovered, according to a telegram to the navy department.

The victims were Albert E. J. Bergmann, a 19 year old boy of Wyandotte, Michigan, and Frank Reay's only 18 years old, whose father resides in Dallas, Texas.

U. S. TACOMA SEIZES HORNET

GENERAL BONILLA'S CHIEF ASSISTANT IS SUDDENLY PUT OUT OF COMMISSION.

CREW IS SET ASHORE

American Gunners and Engineers Take Their Places—Little Ship Steams Out of Harbor—No Resistance.

New York, Jan. 21.—A special to the Herald from Truxillo, Honduras, by wireless to Key West, says: After two hours of defiance from General Manuel Bonilla, Commander Archibald H. Davis, of the United States cruiser Tacoma, Friday afternoon seized the armed vessel Hornet. General Bonilla's chief assistant, east the rebel crew ashore, manned her with

M'CURDY WILL SELECT LANDING

AVIATOR ARRIVED IN HAVANA YESTERDAY—EXPECTS TO MAKE KEY WEST-HAVANA FLIGHT TUESDAY.

Havana, Cuba, Jan. 21.—J. A. D. M'Curdy, the American aviator, who expects to make an aeroplane flight from Key West to Havana soon, arrived here today in the United States torpedo boat destroyer Paulding. The destroyer Graydon followed the purpose of determining the advisability of her route. The experiment shows that the smoke was clearly visible for 15 miles, leaving no doubt that the aviator will be able to locate the patrol vessels fully 20 miles. The Paulding arrived too late for M'Curdy to make a selection of a landing place, but he will visit desirable sites about Havana tomorrow. It is probable that the parade grounds at Camp Columbus will be selected.

DEFENSE CLOSES IN SCHENK CASE

ALL TESTIMONY NOW IN—MRS. SCHENK'S LAWYERS PLAY STRONG CARD.

TO PROVE A CONSPIRACY

Witness Declares Albert Schenk Said He Would Leave No Stone Unturned to Rid Them of John's Wife.

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 21.—This was an important day in the trial of Mrs. Laura Forsworth Schenk, charged with poisoning her husband, John O. Schenk, the defense completing its case this afternoon. Mrs. Schenk's attorneys played their strongest card in the effort to establish that a conspiracy had been formed by members of the Schenk

WIRELESS AND THE AEROPLANE

PRACTICABILITY OF THEIR JOINT USE IS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED.

EXPERIMENT YESTERDAY

Made by Army Officer in Connection With San Francisco Aviation Meet—Plans Further Development.

San Francisco, Jan. 21.—Lieutenant Paul W. Beck, of the United States signal service, demonstrated today to the army's satisfaction the practicability of sending wireless messages from a scouting aeroplane to field headquarters.

Flying with Phillip Parmelee, in a Wright biplane, equipped with a wireless sending instrument and with a wire antennae a hundred feet long trailing from the ear of the aeroplane, Lieut. Beck transmitted half a dozen messages to the wireless station on the aviation grounds.

The first message was sent to the Associated Press. It has been prepared in advance by an Associated Press representative, and its text was known only to the writer. Lieut. Beck tucked it away in his pocket and did not open the paper until he had reached an altitude of 500 feet.

The airship was at the time about two and a half miles from the field while the officer was flashing communications to the wireless station and receiving officer stated that no difficulty would have been had in reading the message had it been sent 20 miles.

Lieut. Beck was delighted with the success of the experiment, and plans to arrange tests for receiving as well as sending by wireless in a heavier than air machine.

Amateurs were active in the forenoon. C. E. Hagen, a local novice, after successfully negotiating the length of the field, fell in a bog, wrecking the machine, but the aviator was but slightly bruised.

PAUL MORTON LAID TO REST

SERVICES HELD AT NEW YORK RESIDENCE AND AT CHURCH—ROOSEVELT AMONG THOSE ATTENDING.

New York, Jan. 21.—Double funeral services for Paul Morton, late president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, and former secretary of the navy, were held today. The public services at St. Thomas Episcopal church on Fifth avenue were attended by his many former associates at Washington and by leading financiers and business men here.

Theodore Roosevelt, who appointed Mr. Morton to his cabinet, and J. P. Morgan were among those who attended.

The widow, Joy Morton, her mother-in-law, and a score of relatives were the only persons at the home services. The body was removed to Woodlawn Cemetery. It is expected that it will be transferred later to Arbor Lodge, Nebraska City, Nebraska.

BOWLING TOURNEY OPENS.

St. Louis, Jan. 21.—Before a wildly enthusiastic crowd of 5,000 persons the 11th annual tournament of the American Bowling Congress was opened here tonight. After the usual preliminary speeches Acting Mayor Guhlach, of St. Louis, sent a hail crashing down the new alley, inaugurating what promises to be the most successful tournament in the history of the ten pin game.

IN ERROR AS TO DATE

Many Socialists Gathered to Demonstrate at Incarceration of Appeal to Reason Editor.

Fort Scott, Kas., Jan. 21.—Expecting to attend a demonstration in connection with the incarceration of Fred Warren, editor of the Appeal to Reason, the Socialist paper at Girard, Kansas, convicted of improper use of the mails, many Socialist from all parts of the country came here today. They were in error as to the date. The mandate of the court of appeals authorizing his imprisonment had not been received here. Warren received many letters and boxes of flowers.

TAFT URGES FORTIFICATION OF THE CANAL

DECLARES IN SPEECH AT NEW YORK THERE ARE NO TREATY OBLIGATIONS IN THE WAY.

UNIVERSAL PEACE IS YET A LONG WAY OFF

Canal is American Waterway, Built Largely to Protect Country—President's Address Delivered at Banquet Last Night.

New York, Jan. 21.—President Taft tonight began in earnest his campaign for the fortification of the Panama canal. His entire speech at the annual banquet of the Pennsylvania Society in New York was devoted to this subject. He has high hopes that congress will at this session declare in his favor and appropriate \$5,000,000 to begin the work.

In the speech, the president has been told, the sentiment for fortification is almost two to one. The house seems pretty evenly divided, but not along partisan lines. Most of the members appear to have an open mind, however, and are willing to be convinced by the side that makes the best presentation of its case.

President Taft will bring all his influence to bear in favor of the fortification. In his speech tonight he said there are no treaty obligations in the way, and that the United States had every right and reason to protect what was purely an American waterway.

The president said he yielded to no man in his love of peace or hatred of war. He said he hoped to submit soon to the senate an arbitration treaty of a broader nature than had ever come before that body or any other legislative body in the world.

At the same time, he cautioned his hearers that universal peace was still a long way off, and he could not conceive of any patriotic American being willing to allow an attacking force free and equal use of the waterway, which was built by Americans, largely as an instrument for the defense of their country.

The president's visit to New York was a flying one. He left Washington shortly after noon today, and will be back in the capital early tomorrow morning.

At the conclusion of his address here he looked in at the annual dinner of the New York Press Club, and made a second address, this time informal, and then hurried to his train. The Pennsylvania dinner was also notable for the presentation to Andrew Carnegie of the society's gold medal, awarded annually for "distinguished achievement."

LEWIS DENIES DEFEAT.

Columbus, Jan. 21.—It was unofficially reported in the miners' convention late today that the tellers who have been counting the votes cast for international officers at Indianapolis have completed their work and will be ready to report to the convention Monday.

It is also reported that President Lewis has been defeated by a small majority. Mr. Lewis denied this.

LARGE BRITISH STEAMER ON FLORIDA REEFS.

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 21.—A dispatch to the Times-Union says: A large freight steamer flying the British flag went on the reefs this morning between Miami Beach and Cape Florida. The name of the ship is unknown. She is lying slightly on one side. A number of vessels have gone to her assistance.

MRS. MARY JOHNSON DIES

Was Daughter of Wheeler, Famous Court Artist of London, Whose Talent She Inherited.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 21.—Mrs. Mary Johnson, aged 95 years, died today at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jas. M. Bentley. Mrs. Johnson was the daughter of Thomas Wheeler, the famous court artist of London, and the niece of Lady Hinchings, with whom she spent most of her girlhood. Mrs. Johnson inherited the wonderful talent of her distinguished father, and at the age of 11 years was one of the exhibitors at the Royal Academy, being the youngest artist ever accorded that honor.

The Cairo Bulletin covers the Cairo territory thoroughly.

Two Bills Drawn Asking Missouri General Assembly to Buy Mark Twain's Old Home and Build Monument



MARK TWAIN and his BOYHOOD HOME
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MARK TWAIN'S CAVE

Hannibal, Mo., Jan. 21.—Two propositions are to be introduced in the

American gunners and engineers, and ordered her out of the inner harbor. The Hornet's recent movements up and down the coast were taken in the light of threatened hostilities against Honduras by Commander Davis.

The Herald's dispatch said that the Tacoma steamed into port early in the afternoon after a fast run to Ceiba to see that no disturbance had broken out there. Commander Davis immediately sent an officer bearing a message to General Bonilla and declaring his intention of taking the vessel in accordance to instructions to prevent the bombardment of Honduran ports, where American property was imperiled.

General Bonilla curtly informed Commander Davis' emissary that the Hornet was his property, and that he had purchased the craft for war purposes and intended using her.

Upon receiving this message Commander Davis sent an ultimatum that allowed but two hours for the rebel leader to reconsider.

On expiration of this time General Bonilla refused to accept the ultimatum. (Continued on Fifth Page)

The aviator said that under ideal conditions prevailing he could make the flight in two hours.

McCurdy will depart for Key West tomorrow evening. It is his intention to attempt the flight on Tuesday if conditions are favorable.

ELGIN ADOPTS COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

Elgin, Ill., Jan. 21.—The commission form of government was adopted by this city at a special election today by a majority of 480 votes. A total vote of 3,618 was polled, about two-thirds of full vote. The indications are that fully fifty candidates will seek places on the commission.

HINDUS COMMIT SUICIDE.

Tacoma, Jan. 21.—B. Ram and Singh Ram, Hindus, brothers, committed suicide in a local hotel today by turning on the gas in their room. The case is regarded as remarkable, as Hinduism provides a terrible penalty after death for those who took their own lives. Both men were destitute.

Look Out for It. If you are looking for the hand of fate, don't look for the glad hand. The hand of fate is usually clenched.